



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 06 March 2007

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *March 05, Associated Press* — **Experts: NYC may be nearing electricity crisis.** Scientists fear New York City's energy demands will outstrip its supply in just a matter of years. Officials with New York Regional Interconnect Inc. were in Washington, DC, last week seeking to win support for their proposed transmission line running some 200 miles south from Utica to the lower Hudson Valley. So far, the project has generated massive resistance among upstate communities. It has also been met with skepticism from politicians, except in New York City, where officials worry about the possibility of future blackouts if the peak-demand days of summer overwhelm the downstate power grid. Last summer, shortly before a prolonged

blackout in a section of New York City infuriated many affected residents, a report from a National Academy of Sciences committee warned about the looming energy problems on New York's horizon, and suggested the resistance to additional power plants may force a crisis.

Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2007/0305/NEWS01/703050331/1006>

2. *March 02, Nuclear Regulatory Commission* — **NRC returns Perry Nuclear Power Plant to regular oversight.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has determined that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant has taken sufficient corrective actions to allow its return to routine agency oversight as of March 2. The plant, operated by FirstEnergy, was placed under the heightened NRC oversight in August 2004. The plant, located in Perry, OH, was placed under heightened oversight as a result of three “white” findings, involving equipment failures of low to moderate safety significance. Based on NRC inspections and assessments, the Agency concluded that the utility’s corrective actions have been sufficient to return the Perry plant to regular oversight.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2007/07-04iii.html>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

3. *March 05, Chillicothe Gazette (OH)* — **Roads reopened after crash, propane leak.** A truck driver carrying propane whose truck overturned on Chamber Drive sustained minor injuries in a Monday morning, March 5, crash. The driver had been hauling about 2,400 gallons of fuel with his 2005 Freightliner from Circleville Oil Co. when his truck overturned on Chamber Drive, about a mile north of Chillicothe, OH. The crash also caused the temporary closure of Hopetown Road at Ohio 159. No evacuations were announced, and the leak was confined to the immediate crash area.

Source: <http://www.chillicothegazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070305/NEWS01/70305004/1002>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *March 05, Aviation Week* — **CSAR-X decision's effects far-reaching.** The Government Accountability Office's (GAO) February 26 decision to sustain the protests against the Air Force's \$10 billion to \$15 billion contract award to Boeing for more than 140 combat, search and rescue (CSAR-X) helicopters will have far-reaching effects for the service and defense companies well beyond CSAR-X, analysts and acquisition experts say. This is the first new major weapons purchase program for the Air Force since the Pentagon returned the service's final acquisition authority in the wake of the proposed tanker leasing program fiasco. The GAO protest decision casts doubt on the service's ability to run a fair acquisition competition and award, the experts say. How the Air Force handles the GAO protest will be heavily scrutinized, and its actions could affect the service's ability to make major purchases later — including the tanker replacement buy. Air Force leaders say the battle is just a sign of the times: the defense

pie is getting smaller and the contractors are getting more aggressive in their efforts to grab and keep what they can.

Source: <http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/FAR03057.xml&headline=CSAR-X%20Decision>

5. *March 05, New York Times* — **China accelerates its military spending.** China announced its biggest increase in defense spending in five years on Sunday, March 4, a development that quickly prompted the United States to renew its calls for more transparency from the Chinese military about the scope and intent of its continuing, rapid arms buildup. Jiang Enzhu, a spokesperson for the National People's Congress, the Communist Party-controlled national legislature, said China's military budget would rise this year by 17.8 percent or just under \$45 billion. "We must increase our military budget, as it is important to national security," Jiang said at a news conference. "China's military must modernize. Our overall defenses are weak." Military analysts in the United States and Europe say that China's public military budget actually reflects only a fraction of its overall defense spending, and that the real figure is likely to be two to four times higher.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/03/05/world/asia/05military.html?em&ex=1173243600&en=1ae4b978bdd81918&ei=5087%0A>

6. *March 03, Washington Post* — **U.S. selects design for new nuclear warhead.** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has selected a design from Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national laboratories that could become the basis for the first new nuclear warhead produced by the United States in more than 20 years. The purpose of the new Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) is to provide, beginning in 2012, a new generation of secure nuclear warheads — initially for submarine-launched missiles — that would provide a credible deterrent well into the mid-21st century. "RRW will take advantage of today's science to ensure long-term confidence in the future stockpile" of nuclear warheads, Thomas P. D'Agostino, the NNSA's acting administrator, said yesterday. According to a chart prepared by the NNSA for Congress and made available to The Washington Post, the RRW program "decreases the likelihood of the need for nuclear testing for certification." Another program goal is to build the warheads so that "unauthorized use of the weapon" would be "impossible without re-manufacture," according to NNSA charts.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/02/AR2007030201203.html>

7. *March 02, Aviation Week* — **LCS issue may change shipbuilding contracting.** Dramatic cost growths with Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) hulls appear likely to spur "significant" changes in how the Navy contracts for its shipbuilding, according to top service officials. Navy Secretary Donald Winter told the House Armed Services Committee on Thursday, March 1, that he was looking to move from cost-reimbursable contracting to fixed-price incentive agreements and to boost the Navy's oversight, as well as to get a handle on contractors' "overoptimism." He also said he will look for greater maturation in requirements before the service approves construction. Although the reform effort entails longstanding recommendations from analysts, acquisition experts and critics, changes appear likely after the seemingly overnight cost growths triggered a wave of criticism on Capitol Hill from defense lawmakers in both parties since January.

Source: [http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_generic.jsp?cha](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?cha)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *March 05, Cincinnati.com* — **Identity theft prevention seminar planned in Ohio.** The Wyoming Police Department in Wyoming, OH, is sponsoring a free Identity Theft Prevention Seminar Wednesday, March 14. Information will be presented on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and what to do as a victim of this ever-increasing crime. Presenters will include police officers, a representative from the Ohio Identity Theft Passport Program and a local bank representative.  
Source: <http://news.communitypress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070305/NEWS01/703050335/1074>
9. *March 05, Patriot-News (PA)* — **Young adults are likely identity theft victims.** Identity theft is a common problem, particularly for young adults and college students, authorities say. From 2003–2005, almost 30 percent of identity theft victims were ages 18 to 29, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Younger adults can be exposed to the dangers of identity theft since they are more comfortable in making purchases online, said Lauren Bozart, a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania state attorney general's office. Jason Kozoowski, a senior at Penn State York, makes sure his credit card number is not visible to others when he gets ready to swipe his card in the machine. "Cell phones now have cameras in them, and anyone can take a picture of my credit card number," said Kozoowski, 24. Many colleges strive to teach their students identity-theft prevention tips. With social networking Websites such as Facebook and MySpace, students are vulnerable to attackers. Rosemary Yuhas, interim vice president of student affairs at Lebanon Valley College, said the college offered a program on the pros and cons of social networking sites.  
Source: <http://www.pennlive.com/news/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/new/s/1173061508187020.xml&coll=1>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

10. *March 05, Reuters* — **US Airways' new computer system creates logjam.** US Airways Group on Monday, March 5, said it sent 20 extra workers to its Charlotte, NC, hub after a glitch in its self-service reservation system on Sunday forced thousands to wait in lines for up to three hours. The airline said the wait to check in for flights was much shorter on Monday, but it advised travelers to arrive at the airport two hours before their scheduled flights. The carrier said the problem began early Sunday morning as it attempted to combine the reservations systems of the former America West Airlines and US Airways. The two carriers merged in 2005. The work caused the self-service kiosks to fail, forcing passengers to stand in extraordinarily long lines and check in with ticket agents. The disruption affected mainly US Airways travelers at the Charlotte–Douglas International Airport. But passengers at other East

Coast airports were inconvenienced as well.

Source: [http://www.reuters.com/article/mergersNews/idUSN052293932007\\_0305](http://www.reuters.com/article/mergersNews/idUSN052293932007_0305)

11. *March 05, FirstCoastNews (FL)* — **NTSB: No mechanical problems in bus crash.** On Sunday afternoon, workers began replacing the fence along the Northside Drive overpass in Atlanta, where the gaping hole marks the spot where a tour bus plunged onto I-75 below. "After carefully going over the bus," NTSB spokesperson Kitty Higgins said. "We've determined there was no mechanical error or anything that would have the performance of the vehicle." The investigative team has already requested medical records from injured passengers. Autopsies have already been performed on the four passengers, bus driver, and driver's wife. Results won't be available for several weeks. The NTSB investigation team is still looking into environmental factors including signage and highway engineering. Higgins said they have already gathered preliminary statistics showing there have been approximately 80 accidents in that area over the last eight years. She said they plan on comparing those accident numbers to other intersections throughout Atlanta to determine if there is a trend.

Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/georgia/news-article.aspx ?storyid=77233>

12. *March 05, Department of Transportation* — **Airlines post fewer flight delays, mishandled bags in January.** In January, U.S. airlines posted numbers for on-time performance and baggage mishandling that showed improvement over December but were not as good as those posted one year ago, according to the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Air Travel Consumer Report which was issued on Monday, March 5. According to information filed with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), a part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), the 20 airlines reporting on-time performance with DOT recorded an on-time arrival rate of 73.1 percent in January, up from December 2006's 70.8 percent on-time rate but down from January 2006's 78.8 percent mark. These carriers also recorded a rate of 8.19 reports of mishandled baggage per 1,000 passengers in January, an improvement over December 2006's rate of 8.93 but up from January 2006's 6.93 rate. The monthly report also includes data on flight cancellations and the causes of flight delays, as well as on consumer service, disability and discrimination complaints received by DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division. This report also includes reports required to be filed by U.S. carriers of incidents involving pets traveling by air.

The Air Travel Consumer Report can be found on DOT's Website at

<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov>

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot2707.htm>

13. *February 21, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-353: Aviation Safety: Improved Data Collection Needed for Effective Oversight of Air Ambulance Industry (Report).** Air ambulance transport is widely regarded as improving the chances of survival for trauma victims and other critical patients. However, in recent years, the number of air ambulance accidents has led to increased industry scrutiny by government agencies, the public, the media, and the industry itself. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which provides safety oversight, has been called upon by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and others to issue more stringent safety requirements for the industry. The Government Accountability Office (GAO)'s study addressed (1) recent trends in the air ambulance industry, (2) FAA's challenges in providing safety oversight, and (3) FAA's efforts to address the challenges and what is known about the effects of these efforts. To address these issues, GAO



analyzed FAA, NTSB, and industry data, interviewed federal and industry officials, and conducted five site visits, among other things. GAO recommends that FAA (1) identify the data necessary to better understand the air ambulance industry and develop a systematic approach for gathering and using this data and (2) collect information to evaluate the effectiveness of voluntary FAA guidance. The Department of Transportation agreed with GAO's findings and conclusions, and agreed to consider our recommendations.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07353high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-353>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

14. *March 03, Daily Inter Lake (MT)* — **Tribal members train for elite response team.** By March 2008, natural and terrorism–sparked disasters in Western Montana will have their Elite HAWKS. That’s short for Hazardous Action Workers Keeping Safe. When their 18 months of training under this demonstration project is complete, members of the Confederated Salish–Kootenai and Blackfoot tribes will make up this 24–member crew. They will be specialists in and what do in the event of agro–terrorism — involving highly contagious diseases.

Source: <http://www.dailyinterlake.com/articles/2007/03/04/news/news04.txt>

15. *March 02, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service* — **Scientists define universal pathogen gene language.** An international group of scientists, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), has expanded the universal language for the genes of both pathogenic and beneficial microbes and their hosts. This expanded lingua franca, called gene ontology (GO), gives researchers a common set of terms they can use to describe the interactions between a microbe and its host. The Plant–Associated Microbe Gene Ontology (PAMGO) consortium and the GO consortium staff at the European Bioinformatics Institute approved and released more than 450 new terms for describing gene products involved in microbial–host interactions. This new “common terminology” will speed development of new technologies for preventing infections by disease–causing microbes, while preserving or encouraging the presence of beneficial microbes. Scientists say gene ontology will provide a powerful tool for comparing the functions of genes and proteins in a wide range of disease–related organisms. Microbes that associate with plants or animals can be pathogenic, neutral, or beneficial, but all share many common processes in their interactions with their hosts.

Source: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2007news/pamgo.html>

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## **Food Sector**

**16. *March 05, Associated Press* — Japan checking all U.S. meat imports.** Japan will check all processed meats imported from the U.S. after a shipment was found last week with sausages containing beef in violation of regulations aimed at containing mad cow disease, an official said Monday, March 5. Friday, March 2, Japan suspended imports from Jobbers Meat Packing Co. after a 1,108-box shipment was found to include two types of sausages in 188 boxes that listed beef as an ingredient. Following Friday's discovery, Japan plans to open and inspect all shipments of processed meat from the U.S., Agriculture Vice Minister Yoshio Kobayashi said. Inspectors at airports and ports currently check about 30 percent of processed meat products imported by Japan, regardless of the nation of origin.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D8NM1K9O0.htm>

**17. *March 02, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — Ground beef recalled.** Tyson Fresh Meats, a Wallula, WA, firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 16,743 pounds of ground beef that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Friday, March 2. The problem was discovered through routine FSIS microbiological sampling at another federally inspected establishment. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. The ground beef was produced on February 16, 2007 and was sent to distributors in Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington. E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration.

Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_014\\_2007\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_014_2007_Release/index.asp)

**18. *March 02, Reuters* — More cash needed to protect U.S. food: experts.** New computer-based tools are helping track outbreaks of food contamination in the U.S. faster, food safety officials say. Congress, which is starting its annual review of funding the federal government, is focusing on food safety after several recent outbreaks in fresh and processed foods. The experts said with Americans eating more fresh produce, they are more vulnerable to contaminated fruits and vegetables shipped through central processors. "Foodborne disease outbreaks are clearly evolving here in the United States," said Ali Khan, Deputy Director for the National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "We have increased centralization of our food supply," he added in a telephone interview. In November, Salmonella-contaminated tomatoes served in various restaurants made 183 people sick and last September, E. coli bacteria in uncooked spinach from one California farm made 300 people sick in 26 states and killed three. Both were reported promptly. In the past, such outbreaks took weeks and months to be fully reported. Part of the reason is new tools, such as CDC's PulseNet, a network of health labs that makes quick DNA fingerprints of foodborne pathogens to sort out the true outbreaks from sporadic cases, said Khan.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSN0233259020070302>

**19. *March 02, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — FDA investigating norovirus outbreak linked to oysters.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is investigating an outbreak of norovirus-associated illness linked to eating raw oysters harvested from San Antonio Bay, TX. FDA advises consumers to avoid eating raw oysters harvested from this area after February 1, 2007, as a result of reports of illnesses in people who attended a Maryland event where these

oysters were served. Symptoms of illness associated with norovirus include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. Affected individuals often experience low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and a general sense of tiredness. To date, illnesses have been reported by 25 individuals who ate raw oysters over the weekend of February 9, 2007 — February 11, 2007 at an event in Maryland. The Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene's test results from ill patients are positive for norovirus. The implicated oyster beds in the San Antonio Bay were closed by the Texas Department of Health Services on February 24, 2007, and remain closed. Bayview Seafood, a distributor in Seadrift, TX, issued a voluntary recall on February 26, 2007. Another distributor, Rose Bay Oyster Company of Swanquarter, NC, issued a voluntary recall on February 28, 2007.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01579.html>

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## **Water Sector**

### **20. *March 06, WZZM-TV (MI)* — Residents evacuated, industries idled following sewer break.**

A sewer main break that forced dozens of Muskegon County, MI, residents to evacuate their flooded homes has been fixed. The break forced officials to shut down most of the county's wastewater pump stations. Untreated sewage seeped into Muskegon, Mona and Bear lakes, prompting health officials to issue a no-contact advisory for all three lakes. County public works officials say crews replaced three, 20-foot sections of old pipe from the 66-inch main. They say residents and businesses are now free to discharge into the sewer system.

Source: <http://www.wluctv6.com/Global/story.asp?S=6177904>

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## **Public Health Sector**

### **21. *March 05, Associated Press* — Number of bird flu cases rises in Kuwait.** The number of confirmed cases of the H5N1 strain of bird flu has risen to 50, the Kuwait Health Ministry said Monday, March 5, but no humans have been infected nor commercial poultry farms. "Tests on 200 samples from handlers (of poultry) were negative," the ministry said in a statement. "There are no cases of bird flu in humans so far." The first H5N1 strain infections in the recent outbreak were announced late February in falcons, turkeys, and chicken. Before that, only one case of the H5N1 strain had been registered in Kuwait when it was found on a migrating flamingo in 2005.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/03/05/africa/ME-GEN-Kuwait-Bird-Flu.php>

### **22. *March 05, Associated Press* — Norovirus hits New Jersey college campus.** New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Park campus was recovering Monday, March 5, from a norovirus outbreak that sickened more than 100 students last week, school officials said. The virus hit campus Wednesday, February 28, with students falling sick Thursday and Friday, university spokesperson Art Petro said.

Norovirus information: [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub\\_norwalk.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub_norwalk.htm)

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/health/1500AP\\_University\\_Norovirus.html](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/health/1500AP_University_Norovirus.html)



23. *March 03, Agence France–Presse* — **Three more bird flu outbreaks confirmed in Myanmar.** Military–ruled Myanmar on Saturday, March 3, confirmed three more outbreaks of bird flu in Yangon. The state–controlled New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported that the H5N1 strain of avian influenza had been discovered in the southern township of Thingangyun, in Insein township in the north, and in Hlinethaya, a western suburb. The secretive nation Friday, March 2, confirmed an outbreak of bird flu in Mayangon township, a western suburb of Yangon, Myanmar's largest town.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070303/hl\\_afp/healthflumyanmar\\_070303065402;\\_ylt=AmZ8a20mRaJwcEbHxVYL1aKJOrgF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070303/hl_afp/healthflumyanmar_070303065402;_ylt=AmZ8a20mRaJwcEbHxVYL1aKJOrgF)
24. *March 02, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **FDA approves test to screen for West Nile virus.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Friday, March 2, announced the approval of a license supplement for the first fully automated West Nile Virus (WNV) nucleic acid test for donor screening. The Procleix WNV Assay on the Procleix TIGRIS system is licensed to detect the virus' genetic material in plasma specimens from individual donors of blood, tissue and organs, and other living donors. The Procleix WNV Assay on the Procleix TIGRIS system can be used for testing individual donor samples or for testing pooled samples from up to 16 individual donations of whole blood and blood components. This assay system provides flexibility that allows implementing testing of individual blood donor samples more extensively during periods of high WNV activity. The system is fully automated and is capable of performing certain steps that are generally performed by technologists when using semi–automated systems.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01578.html>

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## **Government Sector**

25. *March 05, Federal Computer Week* — **GSA releases telework guidelines.** In a continuing effort to promote telework, the General Services Administration (GSA) released new technical guidelines for agencies to follow as they oversee off–site work. In a Federal Register notice issued March 2, GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy offered advice for agencies to use information technology and communications efficiently and effectively, and comply with teleworking laws. Under the new guidelines, agencies can provide employees with supplies for teleworking, such as computers, printers, copy machines, scanners and fax machines. In addition, teleworkers may use “alternative worksite equipment and associated technical support for continuity of operations,” and agencies can lend teleworkers equipment that has been updated as a part of the department's technology refresh cycle. The guidelines also state that appropriated funds may be used to provide teleworkers with telephone and Internet lines, and to pay for installation costs, equipment costs, usage fees and service charges for connectivity. Agencies also can let teleworkers access secure information, such as schedules, budget analyses and other systems, as necessitated by specific tasks.  
Source: <http://fcw.com/article97813–03–05–07–Web>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

26. *March 03, The Virginian–Pilot* — **Hampton Roads to be a national model in disaster simulation.** On April 23, the Joint Forces Command's Joint Innovation & Experimentation office in Suffolk, VA, will be using complicated scenarios to test the mettle of more than 20 military, federal, state and city agencies in a unique two–part exercise. The command is conducting the exercise to demonstrate how it can develop future concepts and capabilities and build partnerships at the state, national and international levels. Plans call for using a laser mapping system, Light Detection and Ranging, to create a copy of Norfolk's buildings, streets and waterfronts in three–dimensional views that are accurate within inches. It is one of many modeling and simulation tools being used in the exercise. The first part of the exercise, called Noble Resolve, will take place from April 23–27. It will concentrate on secret portions of sleeper cell attacks; results likely will not be disclosed to the public. The second part, from April 27–28, is called the Virginia Emergency Response Team Exercise and will focus on the simulated hurricane. It will be anchored in Richmond by the Emergency Operations Center and will use computer models to track the hurricane hitting Hampton Roads, said Rear Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., who heads the Suffolk–based Joint and Experimentation Directorate.  
Source: [http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=120478&ran=1\\_33685&tref=po](http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=120478&ran=1_33685&tref=po)
27. *March 01, Government Accountability Office* — **Hurricane Katrina: Agency Contracting Data GAO–07–205: Hurricane Katrina: Agency Contracting Data Should Be More Complete Regarding Subcontracting Opportunities for Small Businesses (Report).** In response to Hurricane Katrina, the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Defense (DoD), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) were responsible for 94 percent of the federal funds awarded for relief efforts via contracting as of May 2006. This report describes (1) the amounts that small businesses received from prime contracts with these agencies, (2) the extent of subcontracting, (3) and the extent to which Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) received Department of Transportation funds for Katrina–related projects.  
Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07205high.pdf>  
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07205.pdf>
28. *February 28, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO–07–88: Disaster Assistance: Better Planning Needed for Housing Victims of Catastrophic Disasters (Report).** In 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed thousands of homes and displaced over one million people. In light of widespread Congressional and public interest in U.S. agencies' performance in assisting hurricane victims, examined federal housing assistance. Specifically, this report examines (1) the extent to which the National Response Plan (NRP) clearly described the responsibilities and capabilities of federal agencies and the Red Cross; (2) the extent to which these organizations had plans for providing sheltering and housing assistance; and (3) the perceptions of victims and others regarding the assistance needed and provided. In general, the NRP, clearly described the overall responsibilities of the two primary agencies: the Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). However, the responsibilities described for the Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Defense, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Treasury, and Veterans Affairs (VA) — did not fully reflect their capabilities. GAO recommends that HUD, Treasury, USDA, and VA propose revisions to ESF–6 that fully reflect their capabilities; that these agencies and Defense develop fact sheets

as required by standard operating procedures; and that HUD, USDA, and VA develop operational plans for their ESF-6 responsibilities. These agencies generally concurred with GAO's recommendations.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0788high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d0788.pdf>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

29. **March 05, SC Magazine** — **Windows Vista firewall weakness can be corrupted by attackers.** The firewall in Microsoft's Windows Vista operating system (OS) can be compromised to perform prohibited functions, according to new research by Symantec. Researcher Orlando Padilla said the problem concerns the unblock button, which can be accessed by an attacker with the same privilege level as a standard user. This configuration of privileges creates a vulnerability in the firewall's policy that can be exploited by an attacker. "[The firewall] poses a great limitation for malicious code looking to back-door a host. In effect, malicious code can automate the unblock process by simply sending a message to the firewall pop-up dialog box via the SendMessage API call," Padilla said in the Web entry. Source: <http://scmagazine.com/us/news/article/637102/windows-vista-firewall-weakness-corrupted-attackers/>

30. **March 02, US-CERT** — **Vulnerability in Citrix Presentation Server Client.** US-CERT is aware of an unspecified vulnerability in Citrix Presentation Server Client for Windows. The vulnerability exists in the way ICA connections are handled through proxy servers. By persuading a user to access a specially crafted HTML document (e.g., a Web page or an HTML email message), a remote, unauthenticated attacker may be able to execute arbitrary code with privileges in the context of the client process. US-CERT recommends that administrators upgrade to version 10.0 and later to mitigate the security risks. Vulnerability Note VU#798364 – Citrix Presentation Server Client vulnerable to arbitrary code execution: <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/798364>  
Citrix Advisory CTX112589 – Vulnerability in Citrix Presentation Server Client for Windows could result in arbitrary code: <http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX112589>  
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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

31. *March 05, Muskegon Chronicle (MI)* — **Bomb threat shuts down area Meijer.** A bomb threat shut down the Norton Shores Meijer early Saturday morning, March 3. At 1:30 a.m. CST, Norton Shores Police responded to a call about a suspicious device inside a restroom inside Meijer, at 700 W. Norton. An employee reported a small box inside of a garbage can, which looked like "an improvised explosive device," according to a press release from Norton Shores Police Chief Daniel Shaw. A white, powdery substance also was observed on the box. Other responding agencies included the Muskegon County Hazardous Materials Team, Michigan State Police Bomb Squad (Grand Rapids laboratory), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation—Grand Rapids office. Officials X-rayed the device using a remote-controlled robot, and determined it was not an explosive. The team was unable to determine what the powdery substance was during an on-site field test. The incident remains under investigation by the Norton Shores Police Department and the FBI.

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32. *March 05, Associated Press* — **California office worker wounds three, kills himself.** A disgruntled employee firing a pistol seriously wounded three co-workers at a menu printing plant Monday, March 5, before killing himself as a SWAT team entered the building, authorities said. The man, about 67, entered Kenyon Press shortly after 9 a.m. PST, walked past a superior and shot three co-workers with a semiautomatic handgun, police Capt. Mary Risinger said. The business owner told police the man had indicated he was upset about a reduction in work affecting all employees, Risinger said. It was not known how long the gunman had worked there or when the cutback was announced. The names of the shooter and victims weren't released. The three people wounded were men in their 50s, said Valarie Carlomagno, secretary to the police chief. A dozen workers were in the business at the time. A female worker locked herself in a room and called 911 when the shooting started. By the time police arrived some employees, including two of the wounded, had escaped. Kenyon Press, which makes custom designed menus, has customer service personnel, copywriters, designers, illustrators, proofreaders, prepress, press and bindery/manufacturing workers.

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33. *March 04, Local6 (FL)* — **Police: Couple sparked Wal-Mart explosion.** A Wal-Mart Supercenter in Palm Coast, FL, was closed this weekend after police said a man and woman set a fire in the sporting goods section, causing a propane tank to explode. Flagler sheriff's deputies said a man with long hair and baseball cap and a woman were videotaped inside the Wal-Mart at about 6 p.m. EST Saturday, March 3. After a propane tank exploded, smoke filled the building and customers and employees were evacuated. Deputies said the man can be seen starting the fire. "We are told it was possibly some type of camping fuel (used to start the fire,)" Local6's Samantha Knapp said. "

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